

## Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 19, 1877, with transcript

Home, Friday, December 19, 77. (No envelope) My dear Alec,

Your letter of the 13th, from Washington only reached us yesterday together with the papers on your late examination, of this more anon. I have only time at present to say that if you sent any telegram from Washington, we never received it, and that the stamp on the enclosed envelope was the only clue we had to your whereabouts. As I sent off a second dispatch to the same address, you had better make inquiries if you did not get it before you left. Though the enclosures might not be of much consequence to you, do not let them fall into any one else's hands.

Do pray be careful of your ankle, a second strain might bring serious consequences. All home news in my next Sunday's letter. All well at home and your Aunt's. Poor fellow, what a terrible strain and worry this late inquiry must have been to you, and it was a matter of thankfulness to us that you had such kind supporters in Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard. In great haste and with much love in which Papa unites,

Your affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell.